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SUBJECT: ITALIAN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE SEEK PROTECTION

FROM IMPORTS

REF: ROME 15799 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS, SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED  
BY MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) SOURCES, SEVERAL ITALIAN IN-  
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DUSTRIES AND AGRICULTURAL SECTORS HAVE FORMALLY ASKED MFT FOR

ADDED PROTECTION FROM IMPORTS. INDUSTRIES SEEKING IMPORT RESTRICTIONS INCLUDE TEXTILES, CERAMICS AND ELECTRONICS; IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR PRODUCERS/PROCESSORS OF TOMATOES, CHEESE, SPARKLING WINES AND BEEF HAVE MADE SIMILAR REQUESTS.

2. MFT RESPONSE, WITH SOLE EXCEPTION OF COLOR TELEVISION RECEIVERS (REFTEL), HAS BEEN TO IGNORE SUCH REQUESTS. DIVERSIERS PRESENTED TO MFT ARE "STUDIED" AT LENGTH, MEETINGS (WHEN REQUESTED) ARE HELD BETWEEN MFT AND INDUSTRY/AGRICULTURAL REPS, AND REQUESTS FOR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ARE REFERRED TO EC COMMISSION, SINCE "COMMERCIAL POLICY IS A COMMUNITY FUNCTION."

3. SPECIFIC PROBLEMS FOR WHICH IMPORT RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED INCLUDE:

A. TEXTILES. LOW COST ASIAN IMPORTS OF ALL TYPES OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

B. CERAMICS. IMPORTS OF TABLEWARE AND SANITARY FIXTURES, ON A LARGE SCALE AND AT LOW PRICES, FROM GERMANY.

C. ELECTRONICS. COMPONENTS FROM JAPAN, "INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS" FROM OTHER EC MEMBERS, AND LIGHT BULBS AND FIXTURES FROM EASTERN EUROPE.

D. TOMATOES. TOMATOES AND TOMATO PRODUCTS FROM GREECE AND PORTUGAL.

E. CHEESE. IMPORTS FROM FRANCE, ESPECIALLY OF SOFT CHEESE.

F. SPARKLING WINES. FRENCH CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING WINES.

G. BEEF. IMPORTS OF FRESH BEEF FROM EC MEMBER COUNTRIES.

4. MFA REP SIMEONE (DIRECTOR, GATT-EC AFFIARS--PLEASE PROTECT) INFORMED EMBOFF THAT MFT HAS NO RPT NO INTENTION OF ADOPTING IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURES FROM INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES. HE INDICATED MFT STRONGLY OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO ANY NEW IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO SPE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CIFIC REQUESTS AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, SUCH IMPORT RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE HELD ILLEGAL BY EC AND WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED. SIMEONE CHARACTERIZED COLOR TV RECEIVERS AS "VERY SPECIAL CASE;" MFT'S TECHNICAL VISA REQUIREMENT APPEARS GATT-CONSISTENT AND IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER EC RULES.

6. COMMENT. AS COUNTRY IN WHICH EXPORTS OF MANUFACTURED GOODS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ECONOMIC REVIVAL, ITALY REC-

OGNIZES COUNTERPRODUCTIVE NATURE OF RESTRICTIVE TRADE MEASURES.  
HOWEVER, EC, GATT AND OECD RESTRAINTS MAY BE MORE SIGNIFICANT  
THAN ALLEGED DEDICATION TO PRINCIPLE IN DETERMINING GOI ATTITUDE  
TOWARDS NEW IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. EVEN IF MFT HAS STRONG  
INSTITUTIONAL BIAS IN FAVOR OF LIBERAL TRADE POLICIES, OTHER  
GOI MINISTRIES (SUCH AS AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY) ARE NOT ALWAYS SO INCLINED. BEAUDRY

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